

# Hello! Hello! Hello!

What's that? Who's talking? What, who's talking? Yes, who? Well that's what I am trying to impress on your mind. Why, don't you know that voice? Why sure. That's Frank Dreese, the live wire on low prices out with his new spring ad. What does he sell? Why gracious me, where have you lived for the past year? I guess you are joshing me. Nearly everybody in Crawford county has read my ads, telling of the way he secures bargains at prices that seem ridiculous. Read thoroughly this complete ad. He explains it all in this. He is busy and getting more busy all the time. Saturday evenings it is impossible to get customers waited upon.

## Read! Read! Ponder! Think!

Get the Habit. Go to Frank's

### Men's and Children's Hats

I purchased a large assortment of sample hats for men, in felts, cloth and straw. When I tell you I can sell you a hat for half price, I am able to do so, by purchasing these at a big cash discount. I can sell you a 50c hat for 25c.

Men's good felt hat, worth 50c and 75c, at 38c  
Men's hat, worth \$1.00, for 69c  
Remember these are in this special line and not all sizes.

Men's \$1.50 hat in tan, black and gray 89c  
Men's \$2.50 hat in tan, black and grey \$1.85  
You never purchased hats any cheaper than I am showing in the special line and it is a pleasure to show them to you.

Men's and children's hats. I have a complete line in new straws, running from 50c to a \$5.00 Panama.

Now don't go out unmindful these days of sudden changes and swelter and sweat and throw down that old hat and shoes and vow to your wife that you will not sweat like I did this forenoon. Simply be like the wise man. Go out in the morning and be prepared to say Mr. Weather I got you first by getting that light straw hat, light underwear and light shoes, that make life a pleasure on that hot summer day. If you prepare for your table, why not your bodily wants. Frank has the whole outfit to make you comfortable and happy. Drop in any day and Frank is wearing the smile and ready to show you bargains.

### Men's Shoes

Men's \$2.50 elkskin, closed tongue, leather bottoms, at 1.98  
A good summer shoe.

Men's oil grain, box toe, worth \$2.25, for 1.98

One lot of men's gun metal and patent oxfords, both lace and button, worth \$3.50 and \$4.00, for 2.89

One lot oxfords, worth \$3.00, for 1.89

One lot boys' oxfords, patent, tan and gun metal, worth \$2.00, at 1.69  
All these shoes above are quoted at an extremely low price, considering the advance in leather.

One lot men's Cruiser, black, 10-inch top, worth \$4.50, for 3.45  
One lot of men's 2-buckle high tops, worth \$4.00, for 3.25

These Cruisers are sizes 6, 6½, 7, 9, 9½, 10 and 11. These are bargains for those who can wear the sizes. Must close them out to make room for summer goods.

Those rubber soled shoes in tans and blacks are wonderful bargains considering the high cost of leather. Tennis shoes and oxfords, in black and white, for the whole family.

To the farmer, fisherman, sportsman—Remember I have the B. F. Goodrich red boot, \$4.50 value, for 3.98  
Also the high thigh boot, actually worth \$7.50 or \$8.00, I am selling for 6.50  
Looks as though the red goods have come to stay. Try them.

### Men's Shirts, Pants and Underwear

Good working shirts in plain and striped chambrays, at 38c

Men's heavy cotton pants, worth \$1.40, for 98c

Men's underwear, two pieces, at 45 and 90c per suit

Men's union suits at 50 and 90c per suit

Men's Underwear 69c per suit

### Bargains for the Ladies

Ladies, will you remember I have a few bargains in shoes that may not be up to the minute in the present style, yet this is not saying it is not a good stylish shoe. I have purchased recently some

Ladies' tan shoes, worth \$3.50, closing out at 1.98  
Ladies' gun metal shoes, absolutely worth \$3.50, for 2.48

You would not be able to buy same today at same price considering the advance in leather. I also have hundreds of pairs of shoes in lace and button for less than they can be manufactured today; for why? There you go again. Reason—Style.

One lot of these shoes worth \$2.00, for 1.48

One lot of these shoes worth \$3.00, for 1.88

and I simply want to tell you I consider the styles good. Now when it comes to showing you the latest that is in the catalogues, here I am in the way of military shoes and

slippers. That's where I claim a business man can lose his footing by not keeping up in styles. The old adage is "the early bird gets the worm." That's why I hurry to show advanced styles to show you I am not a back number.

Right here is where I want to draw your attention. To the ladies: There is no place in Michigan where you can get the following articles listed here below cheaper:

Ladies' union suit, fine gauze, lace trimmed, at 25c suit

Ladies' quarter sleeve at 15c

Ladies' corset covers 15c, two for 25c

Ladies' corset cover, nice one, lace trimmed, for 25c

Beautiful one, worth 50c, for 36c

Ladies' housedresses in gingham and calicoes, light or dark, worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, for 89c

Short aprons, worth 25c, for 19c

Large dress size aprons at 35c, 40c and 50c

### Some Good Bargains in Wearing Apparel

A beautiful line of ladies' waists, washable voile, regular price 1.25, for 89c

A beautiful line of ladies' silk waists, worth 2.00, for 1.00

Ladies' beautiful hose, consisting of tan, black and white, half silk, at 25c

One line of 50c values for 39c

Ladies' seamless hose at 10c

Ladies' heavy ribbed top hose for 15c

Children's ribbed hose at 10, 15 and 20c, bought with care, all good for the price.

Ladies' union suits, fine embroidery, worth 75c, for 59c

I certainly have been busy getting ready for the summer trade. Get the habit. Go to Frank's. When I tell you there has not been a misfit and suits arriving daily, I tell you

there has been a lot of judgment in the man who measures and the work of the tailors. I am certainly doing a big tailoring trade. If you don't believe it ask some of the boys. Suits from 18.00 to \$40.00

Boy's little wash suits at 25c and 50c  
Not only useful but ornamental to a child.

Boy's suits in serges from 1.98 to 5.00

Boy's knee pants, 25c, 48c and 69c

Big values, all sizes.

Men's dress shirts 50c

\$1.00 soft negligee shirt, all sizes and colors.

Boy's union suits 25c

Men's belt, worth 50c, 75c and 1.00, all going at 45c

All colors and sizes, inclusive of initial.

Men's good belt at 25c

Men's socks, ribbed top, 5c per pair, 6 pairs for 25c

Men's silk leg hose, spliced foot, all the wearing quality of a pair of 50c hose, at 20c

Something you can not find in very many stores.

Men's white, tan and black silk socks at 25c and 50c

Headquarters for men's athletic Jersey sweaters in class colors if you desire, black and white, red and orange striped at 2.50

Men's ties, wash and silk. Men's suspenders galore. The price will always make you smile.

### \$8,000 FOR BAKER FARM.

#### Largest Farm Deal Recorded at Gaylord.

Last week Mike Shields purchased the Albert Baker farm a little over one mile north of here. The consideration was \$8,000.

There have been many real estate deals of recent years in this county in which a number of fine farm properties have changed hands, but none of these so far as known, involved so large a sum of money as the Shields purchase.

The Albert Baker place consists of one hundred and twenty acres of land, mostly cleared, with an attractive and modern farm house and other substantial farm buildings. The soil is very fertile, and located as it is, close to the village, the farm is one of the most desirable pieces of property in this locality.

Mr. Baker has farmed this place for nearly thirty years, and by careful methods, has kept up the fertility of the farm and made it a good paying venture. Of recent years Mr. Baker has been unable to attend to the heavier farm duties on account of failing health, and while regretting very much to dispose of his farm, he felt it a wise thing to do.—Gaylord Advance, April 15.

#### The Junior Hop.

The annual Junior hop was held at the Temple theatre last Friday evening. It was not very well attended but was one of the prettily arranged parties of the season. Clark's orchestra furnished the music and the party opened at eight-thirty o'clock with about eighty guests present. The dance hall was tastefully decorated in the class colors of yellow and blue and with green boughs, crepe paper ribbons being arranged in a lattice about the windows and stage. The electric lights were covered with yellow and blue Jack-o'-lantern shades, making the light of the hall very pretty. In one corner of the room was a booth made of green boughs, where punch was served to the guests during the evening. While the dancers whirled away to the strains of the music some of the guests enjoyed themselves with cards in the balcony, which was also nicely decorated with the class colors and Japanese lanterns.

At about 12:00 o'clock a very dainty two course luncheon was served by the young ladies of the Freshman and Sophomore classes. Here the same color scheme as that of the dance hall was carried out, crepe paper ribbons being draped from the electric light chandeliers to the corners of the room and to each other above the tables, with Jack-o'-lantern shades covering the lights. The centers of the tables were adorned with bouquets of daffodils and sweet peas and looked very pretty. The decorations were planned and arranged by members of the class and they deserve much credit for the pretty arrangement of the party.

#### Frederic School Notes.

The F. H. S. team played the return game of basket ball with Alba here Monday evening, defeating the visitors 38-40 in a fast and close game. This closes the season, giving us twelve games won out of seventeen played.

The last literary program was a very successful number, dealing with Indian songs and Indian life.

We expect soon to receive the full set of Michigan Historical and Pioneer Society books, which come from Lansing.

The Junior hop held in the opera house was a very attractive affair. Since this was the first ever given here, there was an unusual amount of interest attached to it.

Friday and Saturday the teachers and pupils had a clean-up day, raking the yard and cleaning the building.

Several of the high school pupils are finishing their review in preparation for the teachers' examination held next week.

The seniors are preparing a play to be given about the middle of May.

#### A Special and Regular Monthly Board of Trade Meeting.

A combined special and regular monthly meeting of the Grayling Board of Trade will be held at the Temple theatre Wednesday evening, April 28th, 1915.

Special attention is called to the amendment to the by-laws, fixing the number constituting a quorum which is to come before this meeting, same being declared a special meeting for the above purpose.

The said amendment is as follows: Ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum for doing any business at a meeting of the Board of Trade.

Other matters of importance are to be presented at this meeting and all members are urged to be present.

Signed,  
C. J. HATHAWAY,  
Secretary.

#### Paint-Up and Clean-Up.

Have pride in the town. Keep your surroundings neat and your house well painted. You'll improve the value of your property and make Grayling more prosperous. Phone #13. WALTER MARK JENSEN.

### Pools Being Sold on Ball Games.

A new scheme for parting "The Up-Ste Folks" from their coin has been launched with headquarters in Bay City. It is a Barmintized book on the ball games to be played in the big leagues and was advertised to start April 12th.

Agents have been engaged to push the sale of the books in all towns north of Bay City and each seeker of easy money deposits "Thirty Cents" for the guess on the teams making the greatest numbers of scores each week.

#### M. E. Church Notes.

Divine service every Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. and 7 o'clock p. m.

Sunday school directly after morning service at 11:45.

Special—A men's Bible discussion class is held at 2:30 o'clock, to which any man is cordially welcomed. Come and hear a stimulating address, and join in a healthy and helpful discussion. Remember the time, 2:30 in the M. E. church. For men only.

Subscribe for the Avalanche.

### Notice.

A special meeting of the legal voters of School District Number One of Grayling, Crawford county, Michigan, is hereby called to meet at the town hall in said village on April 27th, 1915, at six (6) o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said school district the following questions: Shall the bonds of School District No. One, voted by said district April 12th, 1915, be paid as follows: \$2,500 May 1st, 1916; \$2,500 May 1st, 1917; \$2,500 May 1st, 1918; \$2,500 May 1st, 1919; \$2,500 May 1st, 1920; \$2,500 May 1st, 1921; \$4,000 May 1st, 1922; \$4,000 May 1st, 1923; \$4,000 May 1st, 1924; \$4,000 May 1st, 1925; \$4,000 May 1st, 1926; \$4,000 May 1st, 1927; \$4,000 May 1st, 1928; \$4,000 May 1st, 1929; \$3,000 May 1st, 1930, with interest not to exceed 5% per annum, payable annually?

The Board of Education of School District Number One of the township of Grayling.

By CHAS. T. JEROME, President, and MELVIN A. BATES, Secretary.

For First Class Livery and Heavy Work call Peter Jorgenson, Phone 853. Open day and night.

## Attention Farmers Landowners

Remember we are agents for the famous

### ARMOUR'S BRAND OF FERTILIZERS

#### Also Nitrogen

The improved German soil inoculator. The simplest, safest and surest system of soil inoculation for all legumes. When in town call at our place of business. Let us tell you about it. It means dollars to you, Mr. Farmer.

Yours for better crops and more of them,

### A. KRAUS EST.

Dealers in Hardware, Stoves, Builders' Supplies, Paints, Oils and Sporting Goods  
Plumbing and Heating. Phone 1222

## TAKE NOTICE, PLEASE

### Carnations, per dozen, 60c

We want to make a true statement for the flower and plant-buyers, who are within easy reach of Grayling, that we are now able to serve you just as good as any city florist, both in prices and quality.

### OUR BEDDING STOCK

is coming on finely. Let us book your order for spring use. Ask for prices.

### Floral Designs a Specialty

## Grayling Greenhouses

Greenhouses open from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m.  
Sundays and holidays to 9:30 a. m.

## MAKE YOUR HOME COMFORTABLE

Here is where you spend the most of your time so plan to have the conveniences in it that every home deserves.

### A Few Dollars Spent for Good SANITARY PLUMBING

will bring comforts and satisfaction that will make you wonder how you ever got along without them. We are better prepared than ever before to assist you in planning anything you may contemplate in this line and our long experience teaches us how best to do the work

Come in and talk it over—Consultation is Free

## F. R. DECKROW

The White Brick Store

Phone 884

When you are in Grayling don't pass this store. Step in. You have no reason to leave your buisny home to trade elsewhere, for this store is full of articles that are at the lowest prices quoted.

**FRANK DREESE** Yellow Front Store, GRAYLING, MICH.



# THE MASTER KEY

By John Fleming Wilson

By special arrangement for this paper a photo-drama corresponding to the installments of "The Master Key" may now be seen at the leading moving picture theaters. By arrangement made with the Universal Film Manufacturing company it is not only possible to read "The Master Key" in this paper, but also attend to see moving pictures of our story.

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## CHAPTER XXVII.

### "A Traitor to John Dorr."

RUTH GALLON awakened at dawn and looked about her, trying to remember what had happened and where she was. Slowly there came back to her the scenes of riot in Bhala, the assault on the hotel and their own subsequent flight.

Around her the natives lay in postures of sleep. Not far away, within arms' reach, John Dorr was still unconscious of the new day.

Again set Sir Donald, ride on his knees, bowed in drowsiness after his night's vigil.

She called over to Faversham, and he roused himself, apparently much embarrassed that he had been found watching over the slumbers of his company.

A moment later the whole camp was up, and breakfast was soon dispatched. "Now for a council of war," the baronet said presently. "So far we have made good our escape from the fanatics, and I believe now it would be wise to turn back and seek civilization again for the sake of Miss Ruth."

"Oh, I am good for any amount of this kind of travel!" she exclaimed. "And I am wild to go ahead and find the idol and the plans."

"So far as we know, they are in Bhala," Faversham remarked, with some brusqueness. "I don't intend that you shall risk your life again in such foolhardiness."

John Dorr had steadily grown more and more suspicious of the Englishman's attitude, and he now bitterly resented his assumption of guardianship over Ruth, the more so that he realized Faversham had extricated her once from a tangle of his making and was undoubtedly right when he proposed that she be placed in safety.

His first impulse was to insist that Ruth follow his plans, but second thought told him that he would be playing an unworthy part.

"Where shall we take her?" he demanded. "Back down the river to some city where there are Americans," was the response. "Bombay would be best of all."

"But that would leave me so far away!" Ruth protested. "I know John will insist on keeping after the plans and I don't want to be left out of everything."

John Dorr joined Sir Donald in arguing that there was little sense in going on a wild goose chase and that she would be far better off with good people of her own race.

"But who?" she demanded at last. "We don't know any one."

"I do," Faversham put in quickly. "I know some awfully jolly Americans, too, missionaries. Then there's your American cousin, you know."

It was settled at last, and they returned by easy stages to Bhala and thence down the river.

Sir Donald was as good as his word, and Ruth found herself invited to stay as a guest at several houses.

She chose that of the American consul, a middle-aged gentleman, who, with his wife, presided with true eastern hospitality over a little group of business men and missionaries.

Mrs. Reynolds received the girl with open arms, listened to the story of her adventures and thanked God devoutly that Ruth was at last under the protection of fellow countrymen. To John her language was plain.

"What in the world do you mean by dragging this young lady over half creation and making her run all sorts of risks?"

"But—"

"Nonsense!" said Mrs. Reynolds severely. "You even let her discharge her mind. And all the awful things—it's a wonder you haven't got her killed before now."

John tried to explain that Ruth was a western girl used to looking after herself and that she had insisted on coming along.

"The consul's wife smiled. "But you didn't have to come," she responded promptly. "I understand that you are merely going on idle gossip anyway. You shan't stir the girl out of my sight. I tell you! Go and find your plans and risk your own life. Miss Gallon stays here."

"And I'm sure there is no place I'd rather leave her," Dorr said gratefully. To the consul he confided briefly that he was still determined to find the idol and get the hidden plans.

"You may be too late," was the quiet response. "A man named Wilkerson and another man and a lady have already gone up country, and I am informed that they are on the same quest."

"All the more reason why I should listen," Dorr answered. Every hour may be precious. I must see Sir Donald immediately."

To his surprise, Faversham was very cold about the second expedition. "So long as it was a case of getting Miss Gallon and yourself out of a bad scrape, I did my best," he told Dorr. "But I agree with your counsel—an excellent fellow—that what you propose is ridiculous. The priests have ample warning, and I am informed that they took measures to secrete the idol. You can gain nothing by further search."

John argued with some temper, but Sir Donald was immovable. And, as he most evidently had sound common sense on his side, Dorr could not afford to lose his temper. "I suppose you'll help me out by letting me have that old servant of yours?" he said finally.

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you. Yet the memory of her promise to Faversham stillled her. In that long and terrible moment she realized that John Dorr was all in all to her. Yet she was bound to another who had risked his life on the strength of her promise to marry him, and she could not speak what was in her heart.

She tried to look John bravely in the eyes, and the tears would come in spite of her.

She bowed her head and so he left her with bitterness in his soul, but the firm resolve to carry out his self-appointed task no matter what the outcome.

Faversham was as good as his word, and the old native agreed once more to risk the hills and guard this stranger who, he was convinced, had lost his mind.

But his duty was plain and Sir Donald's injunctions not to be trifled with. That evening the two of them set forth, following in the track of Wilkerson and his party.

That John should have departed without further farewell hurt Ruth sorely.

It seemed to mark a definite break in their frank relations, and she felt that when he returned with the plans she would have to receive him on an entirely new footing—the footing of a business man with his employee.

And while the hurt was fresh she turned to Sir Donald gratefully. He had acted most definitely in all their experiences together. He had proved his devotion by coming with them to India and during the horrible night-march when their hotel had been the center of assault by fanatical natives.

He had accepted her promise without undue exactions. He had seemed to be waiting till he and she could speak more definitely.

Faversham was by no means dull, and he played the part of a kind friend during the first days of John's absence.

He knew that Dorr was in love with Ruth, and he strongly suspected that her feeling for him had once bordered on love.

He would tear open no old wounds. He was devoted, cheerful, always at her call, but never insistent on his privileges.

The American consul liked him from the first and told his wife that Ruth would be a fool if she preferred a hare-brained idiot to a solid gentleman with no nonsense about him and assured position in society.

Mrs. Reynolds, having been rebuffed when she sought Ruth's confidences, merely stated it as her opinion that all girls were alike, a dogma the consul was too wise to argue.

But he gave Sir Donald the freedom of the consulate and saw to it that he had every chance to visit with Ruth.

Now, the baronet was not only no dunderhead, but he had been bred in a school that forbade him to linger too long before claiming Ruth openly as his fiancée.

At exactly the right moment he offered her a gorgeous ring and pressed his suit ardently. He said nothing of the promise he had exacted, and Ruth for very shame's sake accepted the ring and the ensuing congratulations of Mr. Reynolds, his wife and their friends.

Deep in her heart she felt herself a traitor to John Dorr, alone on his perilous errand, gone into the hills without even a stray word of his safety coming back.

It was not long before Dorr, through his servant's ready tongue, learned of the flight of the priests with the idol, their subsequent defeat by Wilkerson, and that man's escape, together with Drake. There was but one thing to do—follow Wilkerson.

The native guide received the news of their change of objective with unfeigned contentment.

Sir Donald's commands alone had forced him to disobey his own instincts. But in a matter that lay wholly between white men he saw nothing alarming to his own safety or personal dignity.

However, he warned John over and over again that the sacrifice had roused certain fanatical tribes to a pitch where they would ask few questions of wandering Europeans, but seek instant vengeance.

John's prayer was that Wilkerson and Drake might escape till he himself could overtake them.

Otherwise the idol would undoubtedly vanish once more into limbo. Wilkerson himself was having a difficult time of it. The men with him were almost openly rebellious, and at

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Yet a couple of night alarms shook Wilkerson's resolution, and he agreed with Drake that they should surrender the image.

They were confronted with a new difficulty. None of their men had been allowed to know of the presence of the idol, and Drake asserted that to inform them now would be dangerous.

It seemed unwise merely to drop it by the wayside, as it might escape notice, and no good would be done.

It must be delivered to the priests, and the condition made that the white men should be allowed safe conduct to the city.

How to do this occupied their minds until the day when they found them selves really attacked in force and had to take refuge in a native hut.

Here their position was so perilous that they had no time for anything but preparations for defense.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

The Snake in the Image.

THEY mean business this time, Drake growled as they did their best to barricade the single door of the window. "I believe those hills are full of them."

"And our own bullets aren't up fighting with good grace, either," Wilkerson confessed. "These half whites have no soul."

"It's an odd thing," Drake said when the afternoon had passed without an assault, "that we hear firing, but none of it is directed at us."

"That's so," Wilkerson responded thoughtfully. "I wonder who it can be?"

He was soon to know, for after night-fall John Dorr and his single attendant rode furiously up to the hut and tried for admittance.

A few scattering shots told that they had been discerned in their flight.

For the moment Wilkerson did not recognize his old enemy, disguised as he was in native costume, but when he was sure he reluctantly opened the door and admitted him.

John flung himself inside and jammed the door to just as a second hail of bullets rattled on its surface. Then he stared at the man opposite him.

"Wilkerson!" he gasped. "Yes, it's me," was the snarling response. "What are you doing here?"

"Some hillmen took us for enemies and chased us pretty much all day long," Dorr explained. "We saw this hut, and when it was dark enough to conceal our movements we made for it."

"And now you can make for some other place," Wilkerson said, handling his revolver meaningly.

John laughed. "I feel myself that the place is too small for both of us. But it's white men against native now. If they get me they'll get you. Our only hope is to stick together now."

"I'll see you dead first!" snarled the other.

But Drake spoke up and silenced him. "While you two are fighting for the benefit of the servants those hillmen are preparing to assault the hut."

A long look through a crack showed the hillmen closing up about them, and Wilkerson gave in with a bad grace.

He was glad of the help, however, when the firing grew hotter and they were hard pressed in the hut.

The natives proved themselves ardent cowards, and it depended on the three white men to defend the place.

This they did with such success that their assailants slowly withdrew.

"Now is the time for a sortie," said Dorr. "We've got to drive them clean away from here or else we'll be bad luck to ever."

Wilkerson and Drake agreed, and John promptly led them out in a wild rush against the nearest hillmen.

These were so surprised at the boldness of the maneuver that they fled, and soon the coast was clear except for a few too badly wounded to join in their comrades' flight.

Now that the immediate peril was past, Wilkerson and Dorr found themselves again antagonists.

But both were so wearied that by one accord they silently consented to a truce.

Yet Wilkerson could not resist taunting his rival.

"It looks as if you were always a little late," he said, throwing himself back in a settle while John dropped upon a stool by the table.

"I heard you got the idol," John replied in a dull tone.

"Yes, and what was in the idol too?"

Then, despite Drake's gestures of remonstrance, he went on: "I got the deeds and the master key and the idol and the plans Tom Gallon robbed me of. I guess I'm ahead in this game."

John nodded, his fatigue so great that he was unable even to reply.

"I guess that's right," said Wilkerson in an altered tone. "We'll catch a little needed sleep and get away before daylight. Time enough then to talk."

For a little while both men kept their eyes open, watchful each of the other.

Wilkerson was the first to laugh and say: "What's the use? I've got the things and the men to defend them. I'm going to sleep. You'd better do so too. Drake will keep watch."

John nodded carelessly and laid his head on his hands, folded on the table.

A moment later he was asleep, and not long afterward Wilkerson's snoring visage was turned to the shadowy ceiling.

Drake sat in a corner on the pack sacks, his revolver in hand.

The natives slumbered across from him, apparently oblivious of any danger.

When the hut was completely quiet except for the breathing of the sleepers Drake allowed himself to fall into a deep reverie.

Now that the quest was practically ended he had begun to think about his own part in it and reckon on his reward.

Long association with Wilkerson had shown him that he had nothing to expect from him unless by an appeal to his selfishness.

There was but one person who might reward him—the woman they both loved, Jean Durnell.

His mind went back to his first days of acquaintance with her in New York,

and he seemed again to feel the soft threads of the web she wove about him.

She had found him a young man at the precise point where a woman may either make or mar one for life.

He had been an easy prey for her tigerish desire for a slave. He had spent his little money lavishly upon her, without thought of other reward than to be near her, until Wilkerson had appeared out of the darkness of her past.

Even then he had still been faithful to her, obeyed her every behest, risked life and liberty in her service, even aided Wilkerson in an endeavor whose success meant that he (Drake) would be cast aside as no longer useful.

And now he sat on guard in a hut in a far country among a crowd of aliens whose very tongue was gibberish to his ears.

On guard for whom? For what? That Wilkerson might finally succeed and win Jean Durnell of the tawny eyes and luxuriant beauty.

In that moment—was it to be too late?—Drake came into his own.

The mine and its wealth were as much his as Wilkerson's.

The plans were his as much as Wilkerson's.

He had taken the mine and the plans and taken everything to himself and would continue to do so.

And Jean?

Drake laughed silently.

He knew her price. He remembered his last conversations with her; those half confidential talks when she had insinuatingly warned him to keep a watchful eye on Wilkerson.

He had been given to understand that it was the gold she wished, and he (Drake) had the key to that gold in his own keeping for the while.

He set his teeth when he realized how Wilkerson despised him, had counted him altogether as a mere pawn in the great game.

He had not even troubled to conceal from him the hiding place of the plans.

They were once more within the idol, for Wilkerson had boasted that he had not them back and would leave them there till he reached America again.

He recalled his words: "Let the idol keep 'em for me, just as it did for Gallon. It's a poor idol that won't serve two masters."

And the idol lay there wrapped in the bundle under his feet. The price of Jean Durnell!

The thought worked in his mind actively. He could not refrain from following it out to its logical conclusion.

Why should it be Wilkerson who returned with the plans and claimed her? Why should he (Drake) continue to play the slave?

A moment while they slept and the plans were his; then when Wilkerson unsuspectingly presented the idol and pulled out its eye there would be nothing.

It would be George Drake who held the master key to Jean Durnell's avowed heart.

So he dreamed, open-eyed, staring into a future where he played the master and not the slave.

And in his waking dream he touched the bundle and felt beneath the rude covering the hard contours of the image.

Again it ran through his head like a call: You have the price of happiness beneath your hand.

Slowly he yielded to the temptation. Gradually, with eyes constantly fixed on the motionless forms of Wilkerson and Dorr, he got the bundle between his knees; then he unlaced the fastenings tremulously.

The idol came out under his hand, and he stared at it, fascinated by its ugliness and the thought of the secret that it held.

No wonder that at every sight of it natives bowed in abject worship.

It held wealth, power, love, happiness!

He shook it softly. Yes, the plans were still within; he could hear the rustle of the folded manuscript.

He peered around the hut, and, finding all asleep, he set the idol on his knee and bent over it.

He pulled at the eye which he had seen Wilkerson draw out. It came with difficulty. Then he held it up and looked into the dark orifice. There was nothing there.

He was about to throw the idol down in disgust when a glimmer of something bright within the head caught his attention.

He stooped over again and then froze into immobility. The spirit of the vile god was moving within.

The point of light grew into intense brightness. It approached the dark eye socket and glowed therein with frightful fire.

Drake's whole body co



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### Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, APRIL 22

#### Local News

Call 1104 for fish worms. Harry Cook, M. Hanson was in Detroit the first of the week.

Earl Dawson is a new night clerk at Collins' restaurant.

Oscar Hanson and Alonzo Collen received new Buick autos last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Sorenson Sunday, April 18th, a fine baby boy.

Noble Carpenter of Gaylord has accepted a position at Standard's restaurant, as night clerk.

Geo. L. Alexander was called to Detroit and Lansing on legal business the first of the week.

Dennis Johnson and wife are spending a ten days' vacation in Detroit. They left last Friday.

We are showing the biggest and swellest line of ladies' hats in the city. Grayling Mercantile Co.

P. G. Zalsman returned home yesterday from Holland, where he went to attend the funeral of his mother.

Jeff Fogelson of Flint is spending a couple of weeks' vacation here, visiting his parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith of Gaylord were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Meade several days last week.

Mrs. E. S. Houghton and children, who spent a week in Cleo and West Branch, visiting relatives and friends, have returned home.

Mrs. Chas. Schreck and children left Monday afternoon for a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. Arthur McArthur of Cheboygan.

Baggage transfer, trucking and moving. Phone 1153, Harvey Wheeler, 4-8-4.

Ten pages this week and interesting reading on every one. Don't miss any. Correct filling of all prescriptions is what our customers get every time. Central Drug Store.

The World's Fame corporation will present "The Lure" at the opera house next Sunday evening.

M. A. Bates made a business trip to Detroit the first of the week and while there visited his daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Jerome and family.

The Messrs. Louie Joseph, Harry Conine and Lorne Douglas returned to the U. of M. on Monday after a week's vacation at their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoffer and children of Petoskey arrived last Friday and were guests of Mrs. Hoffer's father, H. Joseph and family, and brother, A. J. Joseph, until Monday.

J. C. Foreman is building a new cottage at his place about four miles down the river. It will be two stories high and 20x20 feet in size. It will have a kitchen 12x12 feet and a porch 8x40 feet.

Mrs. N. P. Olson is a proud possessor of a new Apperson car, that she purchased of T. E. Douglas of Lovells. This is the largest model of this make of autos that is owned in this county and is a beauty.

Rev. Dr. Nimmo will conduct the evening service of the Episcopal church and preach in the Danish Lutheran church on Tuesday, April 27th, at 7:30 standard time. The public is cordially invited to attend.

D. Countryman and family will move to Big Rapids soon, where they will conduct a rooming house. J. C. Failing of Beaver Creek has contracted to care for the county infirmary and will move in as soon as Mr. Countryman may vacate. Mr. and Mrs. Countryman and daughter will be greatly missed in Grayling. We wish them success and happiness in their new home.

Flowers and potted plants can be ordered at the Salling, Hanson Co. store. There are always some on display on the counter at this place.

The fish hatchery is receiving a new coat of white paint.

Francis Finglin of Gaylord is visiting at the home of F. A. Eckenfels.

Miss Zina Smith left last Saturday for a week's visit in Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Miss Elizabeth Sivrais is confined to her home with a serious attack of pleurisy.

Mrs. A. Kraus left Tuesday night for Detroit to visit her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Pollack.

George Colladay of Roscommon was a guest at the home of James Armstrong last Friday.

Call and see the new bath room mirrors at Deckrow's. They are something new and swell.

Do not fail to read our ad in this paper. It will make you set up and take notice. Frank Dreese.

The Grayling Gun club will meet at the old shooting grounds next Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Fire insurance is too cheap to be without. Why are you so negligent? Geo. L. ALEXANDER & SON.

The last episode of the Million Dollar Mystery will be presented at the opera house next Saturday evening.

Miss Lillie Fischer, who teaches in the primary department of the Johannesburg schools, spent Sunday at her home here.

Samuel Richman of Milford was a guest at the J. M. Bunting home the latter part of last week. Mr. Richman is a brother of Mrs. Bunting.

Representatives of the DuPont Powder company are in the city. It is expected that ground for the new factory will be broken about May first.

Mrs. Frank LaSprance and granddaughter, Eleanor Johnson left last week Wednesday for Bay City to visit relatives and friends for several days.

News received here states that a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ayres of Lansing, April 8th. Mr. Ayres is a former Grayling boy and well known here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Johnston and daughter Irene were guests of Miss Leelah Clark Monday enroute to their home in Vanderbilt from Lovells, where they had been visiting.

Carl Schramm, a resident of Otsego county for twenty-two years, passed away at Harper hospital, Detroit, on Monday, April 5th, following an operation. He was sixty-nine years of age.

The marriage of Miss Blanche Maxson, daughter of W. Maxson of Lewiston and Mr. John LaMotte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac LaMotte of this city will take place at St. Mary's church Saturday morning, April 24th.

Some automobile owners and drivers are far exceeding the speed limit on our streets, therefore placing the lives of our children and citizens in grave danger. Anyone caught exceeding the speed limit will be prosecuted.

M. BRENNER, City Marshal.

Invitations are out for the Masonic ball, which will be held at the Temple theatre Friday evening, April 30th. It is a foregone conclusion that the Masons will have a fine party and those who enjoy dancing and card-playing are going to be sorry if they miss it.

T. E. Lewis of Frederic was in the city Monday. Last week Mr. and Mrs. Lewis returned home from Florida, where they had spent the winter. They report a delightful outing. Both returned in good health and say that they were glad to get back to Crawford county.

Manager Overton is giving his patrons the latest and best motion pictures just about as early as any theatre in the state and many times they are presented here before they are shown in Saginaw and Bay City. He doesn't miss any good things that he thinks his patrons may want.

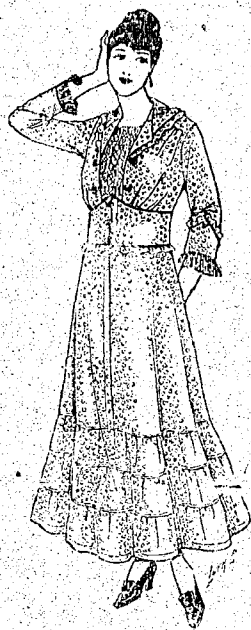
Frank Deckrow says that our "want ads" don't get results. Last week he advertised for 700 boys to bring in old brass, copper, lead and rubber and the largest number of boys he could get in one day was 500. This was last Saturday. Hope he will have better luck next time and get the other 200.

Official announcement has been made that the AuSable division of the D. & M. railroad, formerly the AuSable & Northwestern logging road, will be standardized. The work of converting it from a narrow gauge line will be started May 1st. The railroad will be extended to Commins and probably to Mio, where the power company is building a dam.

The evening train known as the "Merchandise" was wrecked Tuesday evening a few miles this side of Roscommon. Two box cars were derailed and partly demolished and about half a mile of track was torn up. How it happened is unknown. A wrecking crew went down from here and were busy all night gathering up the ruins. Train 202 was delayed a couple of hours at Roscommon. The passengers who were on the wrecked train were brought to Grayling on a special train during the night. Fortunately no one was injured.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Overton returned last week from a couple of weeks' stay in Cheboygan, where the former was busy re-modeling the Liberty theatre, of which he is the owner. The theatre is now complete with a new modern front, new opera chairs, new electric lights, electric piano, motor generator and two of the very latest picture machines. The opening attraction was the old favorite, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and drew packed houses at each performance. Mr. Overton says that this theatre is getting fine crowds every night.

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## Of Interest to Women

Our Spring showing of late styles in Coats, Dresses, Waists and Skirts are here. Positively the largest and most complete line ever shown in this city.

Dainty afternoon and street dresses especially priced.

The very newest styles in voiles, crepes, ginghams and percales \$1.50 to \$6.50.

Spring weight underwear for women and girls. Every possible style in one or two piece garments, in cotton, lisle and silk.

Special values in Ladies' Slip-on Raincoats. Anticipate April showers by getting one.

We offer exceptional values in Ladies Skirts. Wider skirts are now worn and we have the new styles at \$3.00 to \$10.00.

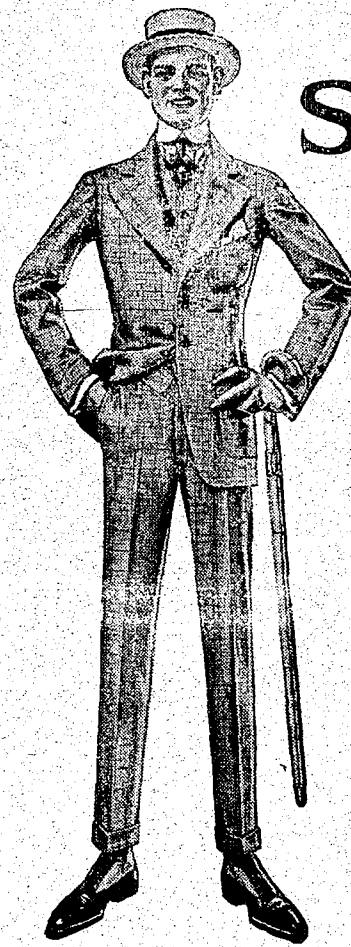
A great assortment of Waists that are strictly new. Tub silks and voiles, \$1.00 to \$3.50. A special lot to close at 49c.



Special Sale of Lace Curtains. House cleaning usually means some new curtains. Great values here at 50c and up the pair.

New Coats for women in the new styles and colors for spring, exceptional values for \$10, \$12 and \$15.

Just In—Two values in Children's Barefoot Sandals that are priced very low.



## This is Styleplus Week!

The event is national as well as local. Every Styleplus Store from Maine to California is making a special display this week, just as we are.

We want every man in town to inspect a suit of

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Word has been received here of the arrival of a ten pound boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pollack in Detroit. Mrs. Pollack was formerly Miss Esther Kraus of this city.

Nemesius Nielsen last week exchanged 19 head of fine young cattle toward the Philip Moshier residence near the school house. Mr. Moshier will continue to reside there.

Tony Nelson, armed with a check for \$2,000 left Grayling Monday for St. Paul, Minn., where he expects to purchase cattle for the R. Hanson cattle ranch. He expects to return Saturday.

J. W. Letzkus shipped 11,000 cigars in one shipment to Gaylord last week. By patronizing a little more home industry the local smokers can easily keep the two local cigar factories more than busy and keep more money in circulation at home.

Fred Belmore and family expect to move to Gibbstown, N. J., about May 1st, where the former will be employed in a dynamite factory, which is under the supervision of John Failing, an old Grayling boy. Mr. and Mrs. Belmore have many friends who will be sorry to have them leave.

FOR SALE—Horse, harness, buggy and chicken park wire. Inquire at the County Infirmary. Phone 661.

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# The KITCHEN CABINET

A great man or woman is he or she who works cheerfully and merrily, rests cheerfully and merrily and does not slumber in the tents of "the good old times."

## SANDWICHES AND SALADS FOR EVENING PARTIES.

A most attractive cabbage salad is made as follows: Mix together finely shredded cabbage and green peppers and olives. Chop the olives and remove the seeds and tough white portion from the peppers. Moisten with a rich mayonnaise dressing and fill lemon cups with the mixture. Place each on a small plate, covered with a dolly.

A most delicious salad and one easy to prepare is crisp fresh lettuce dressed with a French dressing to which has been added a teaspoonful of tomato catchup, a tablespoonful of chopped green pepper, a teaspoonful of minced parsley and a tablespoonful of chopped onion. Shake or beat well with a Dover eggbeater, and serve very cold. The dressing is best passed as the oil and vinegar will the lettuce very soon.

**Mock Crab Sandwiches.**—Take a quarter of a cupful of grated cheese, a pinch of mustard and pepper, a quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, a teaspoonful of anchovy paste, a tablespoonful of chopped olives, a teaspoonful of lemon juice and two tablespoonfuls of creamed butter. Spread on buttered bread after blending well.

**Fig Paste for Sandwiches.**—Cut three-quarters of a pound of figs into small pieces, add the same amount of brown sugar, a quarter of a pound of seeded raisins, a cupful of water and the juice of half a lemon. Stew on the back of the stove until very soft, remove and add a tablespoonful of vanilla. Put all through the meat grinder and to clean the grinder finish with three or four crackers which may be added to the paste. This will keep if packed in jars indefinitely and is delicious as a sandwich filling for any kind of bread or crackers. Used with two kinds of bread, the slices pressed together and then cut like cake makes a most attractive sandwich.

**Cocoanut Sandwiches.**—Take a cupful of freshly grated cocoanut, a half cupful of chopped almonds, a teaspoonful of lemon juice, two teaspoonfuls of powdered sugar and three tablespoonfuls of thick cream. Spread this on wafers or buttered bread.

There is never a thing remembered so As the word with kindness brought; And never a sky with as bright a glow As you make with a loving thought.

## A REVIEW OF SOME HOMELY DISHES.

We often forget the old and satisfying dishes of which we used to be so fond in the multiplicity of newer dishes appearing every day. It is well to look over the recipes that have been marked by much using and see if we cannot surprise our families with an old favorite.

**Apple Dowdy.**—Line a baking dish with slices of brown bread, buttered; fill the spaces with apples which have been pared, cored and chopped; mix a teaspoonful of cinnamon with a half cupful of brown sugar, sprinkled over the apples; add a half cupful of water, lay on another layer of bread buttered side up. Bake slowly for one hour and serve with clear sauce. Use a cupful of cider thickened with two tablespoonfuls each of flour and butter, cooked together.

**Prune Souffle.**—Remove the stones from half a pound of stewed prunes; press the prunes through a sieve; add to them the yolks of three eggs, slightly beaten, and four tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar. Fold in the well-beaten whites of six eggs; turn into a baking dish; dust the top with powdered sugar, bake in a quick oven for 15 minutes or until the egg is set. Send immediately to the table and serve with cream and sugar.

**Favorite Dessert (Mrs. Rorer's).**—Mix orange pulp, white grapes, cut in halves with seeds removed, candied cherries, chopped and grated pineapple with powdered sugar. Fill sherbet cups with two tablespoonfuls of this; add a tablespoonful of lemon ice and four tablespoonfuls of whipped cream. Serve at once.

**Fruit Gelatin.**—Stones and chop a quarter of a pound of dates; mix with the same amount of figs; a sliced banana, the pulp of an orange and a

few shredded almonds; cover a box of gelatin with a half pint of cold water and let soak for half an hour. Add to it a cupful of sugar and a quart of boiling water; stir until dissolved; add juice of two lemons and one orange and two teaspoonfuls of caramel. Strain into a mold over the fruit and set away to harden. Serve with whipped cream garnished with candied pineapple.

Teach me to dilute my work with play, to brighten my seriousness with jest and never to take myself so seriously that I crowd out of my life the joys and pleasures that by heritage are mine.

## MEATLESS SOUPS.

The oyster plant is now in season and makes a most delicious soup. Cut the salady into thin slices after scraping well. Cover with a quart of water, to 12 good-sized roots. Cook gently for an hour until the plant is tender; add a quart of milk, two tablespoonfuls of butter and salt and pepper. Serve with oyster crackers.

The roots are so discoloring to the hands that the fingers should be well wrapped while preparing. Rubber gloves are best, but a cloth wrapped around the fingers exposed will do very well.

**Clear Tomato Soup.**—Add a pint of water to a quart of stewed tomatoes. Add a slice of onion, a half a bay leaf, a dash of celery salt and a few celery tops, a teaspoonful of salt, a chopped green pepper. Cook together for 15 minutes, put through a sieve, add two tablespoonfuls each of flour and butter rubbed together, or cornstarch will make a clearer soup. Cook until the starch is well cooked. Serve with squares of toasted bread.

**Cream of Potato Soup.**—This is a soup that should be better known, is an economical and wholly satisfying one. Pare three medium-sized potatoes; cover them with boiling water; boil five minutes, drain and throw away the water. Cover with a pint of boiling water; add a slice of onion, a bit of celery and a bay leaf. Cover and cook slowly until the potatoes are tender. Put through a sieve, add a quart of milk, two teaspoonfuls each of butter and flour, rubbed together; salt and pepper to season. Reheat and serve piping hot.

Who hopes the best goes forth with forehead bare And to the open blue he lifts his face And cries "All good of earth or sea or air Is mine by boundless largeness of God's grace."

## FRUITS FOR CHILDREN'S PARTIES

As fruit is one of the safe things to give children in right quantities, and in good condition, they lend themselves to many delightful variations. If one wishes to serve a jelly for a child's party it may be molded in an orange cup or a pretty red apple, the cover kept on so that the contents will be a surprise. Children from four to forty, and even older, enjoy an element of mystery about things and a surprise is a most delightful way of entertaining little people. A tiny doll dressed in fluffy robes may be hidden in a rosy apple as a favor or as a gift.

A banana with a half dozen little "nigger" dolls or chocolate babies embedded in the banana and the skin put back is another delight that the children will rejoice over. Cut off a slice of the banana to make the surface level and give the dolls room to lie in a nice row in their dainty bed.

A stick of good candy wrapped in oiled paper or fringed paper candy stick may be slipped into an empty banana skin. A pretty ball may be concealed in an orange that has been carefully hollowed out and the quarters or halves put back closely.

An orange may hold almost anything from choice candy with candy hearts and mottoes to a cosy nest for another tiny doll.

A jack-in-the-box is great fun to make, using fruit to hold the jack. For boys, whistles and marbles, tops and different toys can be used. Penny toys with a bit of something to eat (for little people think of a party as only begun when the food is served) may be easily furnished by any mother at small expense.

Nellie Maxwell.

other identifying mark of the writer, the real name to be inclosed in a sealed envelope accompanying the manuscript. The winning manuscript becomes the property of the donor of the prize, and the right is reserved to purchase any manuscript submitted at the rate of five cents a word.

## Communion of the Spirit.

Just the being with someone whom you love, and know loves you, gives a feeling of rest and comfort.—"Time of Day," by Doris Egerton Jones.

## Self-Defense Against Mule.

Christopher Hargraves, a Bucks county farmer, pleaded self-defense when charged with beating an "onery" mule with an ax handle and entered a fine. His novel defense was entered when he was arraigned before Magistrate Tomlinson, at Langhorne, on a charge of cruelty to animals.

"That mule's got a bad streak," Hargraves told the magistrate, "and when he's onery he's got a kick like a 40-centimeter gun. The last time I didn't have a whip handy, so I used the ax

handle. It was purely a case of self-defense." The agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, who arrested Hargraves, said he would withdraw the charge on that plea, and Magistrate Tomlinson dismissed the case.—Philadelphia North American.

That growing plants will turn toward radium emanations as they do toward light has been proved by a Vienna scientist after a series of interesting experiments.

## Available for Wear With Various Frocks



A separate coat, which becomes a suit-coat when worn with its own particular skirt, but is available for wear with various frocks, will command itself to every woman, especially to her who contemplates a journey. Many of these coats have been designed this season, and they have been enthusiastically welcomed. They are shown in tans, grays, black and white mixtures, and in checks. In these neutral colors they go well with frocks or skirts in any color.

One of the newest and smartest of coats of this kind is shown in the picture. It is cut with almost straight lines at the front and back and trimmed in braid and buttons with a crisp military precision. At each side, a little below the waist line, there is an insert of fan plaits, giving the desired flare, and the double turnover collar, set on at the back, is another concession to demands of the vogue.

The skirt to match is plain, fitted about the hips and with a very conservative flare from hip line to bottom edge. It is a little longer than ankle length, but short enough to be a correct tailored model. In nearly all coats of this kind the fit is vague, the waist line either

raised above or dropped below the normal, and only a suggestion, at most. In many of them lines are perfectly straight or show a gradual flare from the shoulders down.

## New Towels.

Some of the newest Turkish towels have an initial quite four or five inches long, worked in French knots at the left of the towel, above the border, instead of in the center, as is usually done. For a man's use towels worked with these large letters are very good looking.

Among the newest designs for small guest towels is one of a fine damask of a very small pattern without a woven border. The latter is hemstitched on and consists of an inch-wide hem of colored linen, pink or blue.

The initial may be embroidered in white on the hem or worked on the towel itself in a color to correspond with the hem.

## Separate Coats.

Separate coats are receiving a great deal of attention; motor coats continue to be full length or seven-eighths. Some of the newer coats are of uneven length.

## Headwear for All-Weather Motoring



Now that the return of spring lures everyone to the out-of-doors, devotees of motoring are happily busy getting together their "motor togs." Coats and headwear for rain-or-shine driving must be considered from every point of view, and let no one think that becomingness is not as important in motor apparel as in any other.

But this is a hint hardly needed for the buyer of headwear. Women are accustomed to placing becomingness as the paramount essential when choosing any kind of millinery. In the choice of motor hats there is so great a range this spring that one can afford to be exacting and to look until the very best model is found.

Two motor bonnets are pictured here that may be depended upon for good service. They are made of silk. One of them boasts a brim and is quite like a hat in shape. It is developed in pongee with brim-rever turning up at the back over the folded-over crown. A silk cord and fan of fringed braid supply the decoration and these are supplied in any color demanded.

The bonnet at the left of the picture is made in changeable taffeta piped with a dark color in the same silk.

## Vellies Are Cobwebs.

Thin meshes. Hexagonal design. They look like hair nets. Sometimes they have designs. These are in all-over effect, wide apart. "Flosters" have a wide border on the bottom.

## Handsome Floral Effects.

Buttercups and daisies form a pretty cluster for a lawn frock. A novelty is a small pink rose mounted on white

ostrich, the ostrich cut round. A small cluster of pink roses has leaves of white ostrich edged with tiny rhinestones. Long clusters are sometimes arranged across the shoulder or across the corsage, while in other cases they are arranged on the skirt.

## Contrasting Linings.

Contrasting linings are a feature of many of the new street suits in covert and other light woollen fabrics. Blue, cerise, black and white, brown and green are all effectively used.

## LOOK INTO FUTURE

### What of Business Conditions After the War?

Textile Industries of the Country Have Been Saved From Ruin by European Conflict, But Danger Is by No Means Over.

Predictions are made by what may be considered authorities that the war will end before the summer closes. Some set June for the finish and others figure that September is the safest date. Then what?

The war that has sapped the best blood of Europe has saved the textile industry in this country. Our mills have had their best business from France and Belgium, and, without us, the armies of the allies would have suffered beyond endurance from lack of clothing. Nevertheless, in February nearly \$2,000,000 of worsted fabrics, over \$300,000 of woollens and \$113,000 of worsted yarns were re-sold from England under the industry-killing tariff in force.

The end of the war is nearer than the end of the industry disturbers at Washington, but for both the end is in sight, and a page in history is about to be turned that should never have been written.

Even the most radical free-trader must admit that the Wilson tariff is a rank failure. Hundreds of thousands of self-respecting American workers also admit it and are eager for the opportunity to register their protest, yet no move for the relief of our industries has been made by the party in power.

When in strenuous times like the present, in England, if reports are true, her mills can send in even \$2,500,000 worth of wool yarns and cloth in a month, what will happen when normal conditions prevail and the full force of unfair competition is felt?—Fibre and Fabric.

### Running to Cover.

The most interesting political spectacle at present in this country is that of the Democrats scurrying about, looking for some place of concealment in which to hide from the wrath of the voters. They are throwing up verbal dust in every direction, seeking to cover their flight, leaving a trail that a blind man might follow. From the president down, the leaders of the party are apologizing for the mistakes made, and are trying to shift the blame for their blunders onto the victims of their short-sighted or destructive policies.

Lambasting Wall Street or booting at the war god will not in any way alter the fact that the depression of business in this country began with the incoming of the present administration. President Wilson and his party set about at once, on coming to power, to change the foundations of American commerce and industry, and they have succeeded so well that the superstructure has been almost completely wrecked as was the underpinning, which was removed entirely. If any semblance of prosperity remains, it is in spite, and not because, of the activity of the Democrats in congress.—Omaha Bee.

### Confident of Victory.

Harry M. Daugherty of Columbus, O., former chairman of the Republican state committee, was in Washington on personal business, he said, and while he declined to talk politics, he found time for a political epigram. He said the Star of that city. Mr. Daugherty is one of the Republicans who believes that a Republican of the old guard surely will be elected at the next election. Said Mr. Daugherty:

"If the Democratic party is wrong on the tariff, which it always is, and right on everything else, which it never is, yet the country would not prosper. If the Republican party is right on the tariff, which it always is, and wrong on everything else, which is inconceivable, yet the country would prosper."

"This is why the people are determined to restore the Republican party to power."

"Out in Ohio we are agreed on one thing relative to the next presidential candidate, and that is to agree. We have lined up behind no individual, but we shall support a winner. Conferences will be necessary to determine who the banner bearer will be."

### Robbed Peter to Pay Paul.

It will be noted that when the Democratic administration discovered that there was a likelihood of the government income falling to equal the government outgo prompt steps were taken to remedy matters.—The Commoner.

Yes; congress imposed new taxes, bringing in \$100,000,000, and then got rid of the \$100,000,000 by increasing appropriations. One deficit was wiped out and a new one was immediately created.

### The Colonel's Bad Manners.

Colonel Roosevelt's telegram to the senatorial investigating committee is a painful exhibition of bad manners and bad temper which will not add to his reputation as an adviser to the American people. He ought to do more to work off his surplus energy. Gladstone found recreation and strength in chopping down trees. The colonel ought to be turned loose in a Long Island forest, say of about two thousand acres, and kept there until the next presidential election is over.—Philadelphia Record.

Hard to Effect Reconciliation. Colonel Roosevelt has been quoted as saying that he will support any Republican for president except Taft. Perhaps he didn't say it and perhaps Professor Taft has not said that he will support any Republican candidate except Roosevelt, but it is a safe guess that he feels that way.

The papers are again demanding that Secretary Bryan stay on the job at Washington. The desire of some people to keep the president in difficulties is no less than vicious.

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## Explained.

"I have such an itching for office." "Maybe it is because you have to scratch for a living."

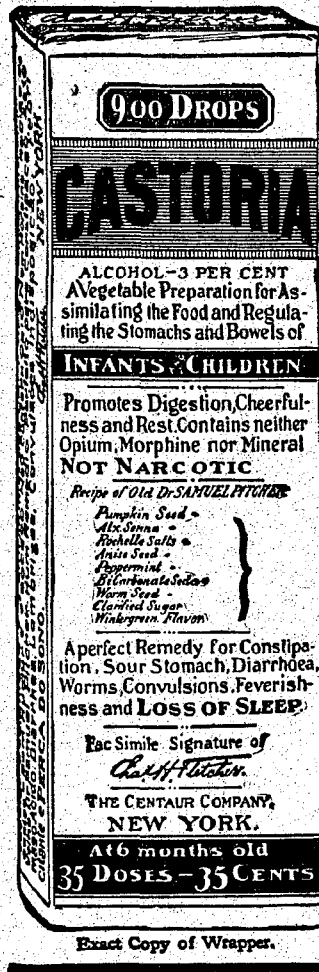
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## Healthy Baby Smiles.

An interesting mental process with physical manifestation which is found in every healthy baby is smiling. It is a remarkably early one, too, and a child of a month old will often show a distinctly pleased smile when its little face is patted or it is tickled. At first the smile spreads very slowly over the tiny features, then, as time passes, flashes up on the face and dies away again with equal celerity, and by the time the first three months are past is accompanied often enough by little chuckles of glee.

But laughter comes later, often much later, and many children never really laugh until they are a year old, or even more. It is, indeed, very rare to hear laughter before the first six months are accomplished, and when it is heard it should be regarded as a symptom of unusual intelligence, may be gratifying to a mother's pride, but most certainly not to be excited or provoked.

## Rebuked.

"Who was Shylock, Aunt Ethel?" "My dear! and you go to Sunday school, and you don't know that!"—Life.

## Rough Usage.

"How is your daughter getting on with her music lessons?" "She's quit. The piano is all used up."

## The Wherefore of School.

Little Herman was a very backward scholar and his teacher frequently lost all patience with him.

One day, when he seemed to be more dense than usual, the teacher exclaimed: "It seems you are never able to answer any of my questions, Herman. Why?"

"If I knew all the things you ask me, ma'am," replied Herman, "my father wouldn't go to the trouble of sending me here!"

## The Telephone Pole.

The employer of a Polish girl who has learned quickly to speak English tells of her attempted mastery of the telephone. After its use was explained to her, she was eager to answer every call. A ring came and she jumped to the phone.

"Hello," came from the receiver. "Hello," answered the girl, flushed with pride at being able to give the proper answer.

"Who is this?" continued the voice. "I don't know," exclaimed the maid, "I can't see you."—Harper's Weekly.

The Mormon church was organized at Manchester, N. Y., by Joseph Smith, in 1830.

After a man has met his wife's relatives who live in the East he ceases to be afraid of them.

## A Physician's Opinion

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